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For: METHOD OF PREPARING LOW ALLERGIC  
NATURAL RUBBER LATEX AND DEPROTEINIZED  
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 24, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated January 29, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Pending claims 1-25 of the present application have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Group I -- claims 1-9 directed to a first method for preparing a natural rubber latex;